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BUREAU REPORT FOR DECEMBER 1956

Somewhat of an official explanation has been given by the Post Office Department in its resume of activity at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing as it concerns postage stamps in December 1956, of the 384-subject coil plates. This statement follows—

"In accordance with the approval of the Post Office Department, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing is now processing 'standard coil' instead of 'regular wound coil' stamps. Both types of coils unwind clockwise, but the stamps are in an upright position in the standard coils and in an upside-down position when of the regular wound type. Standard coils are being processed from rolls of stamps printed from 384-subject plates on the new Cottrell presses at the Bureau. In order to standardize the terminology for plates assigned for the printing of the new type of coil stamp from the 384-subject plates, Nos. 25617 and 25618, in the listing below have been designated as 'curved EE standard' types, as well as the following plates which are also to bear the same designation instead of 'curved EE reversed' as previously reported during the months indicated besides each number—"

All these are of the Liberty Series, the numbers assigned in 1956).
1c - 25479 (July); 25480 (July)
3c - 25481 (July); 25482 (July); 25575, 25576, 25577 and 25578 (all October)
2c - 25494 and 25495 (both in August)

The following is a list of the numbers which were assigned to plates for the printing of postage stamps.

Liberty 10c regular, 400 subject plates, numbered 25601-2.
Polio 3c commem, 200 subject plates, numbered 25603-4-5-6.
Liberty 3c regular, 400 subject plates, numbered 25607-8-9-10.
Airmail 4c (1954), 400 subject plates, numbered 25611-2.
Airmail 10c (1947), 200 subject plates, numbered 25613-4.
Airmail 25c (1947), 200 subject plates, numbered 25615-6.
Liberty 3c coil, 384-subject plates, numbered 25617-8.
Liberty 6c regular, 400 subject plates, numbered 25619-20.

Plates which were sent to press and printed from for the first time in December have these numbers—

Liberty 2c regular, 400 subject plates, numbered 25573-4; 25553-4; 25556-7.
Hamilton 3c commem, 200 subject plates, numbered 25597-8-9-600.
Polio 3c commem, 200 subject plates, numbered 25603-4-5-6.

Several plates were cancelled from further use during December. Only one of them has a possibility of not being too common. It is No. 25426 of the Liberty 10c. The other plates gave plentiful impressions. The cancelled plates are—
25423, 25426 - Liberty 10c regular.
25462, 25509, 25513 - Liberty 3c regular.
25417 - Liberty 3c booklet.

March 7 Release Canada Sport 4

A brief announcement by the Canadian Post Office Department sets the release of the stamps of the Outdoor Recreation series as March 7. There will be four different designs each illustrating the four major outdoor sports—skiing, swimming, fishing and hunting.

Denomination of each will be 5c, the color blue. The four designs will come as tenant in panes of fifty stamps. Thus it will be possible to have a block of four, each stamp of which is different. Such a block will be desirable on first day covers just from the uniqueness aspect alone. There will be 50 stamps to the pane.

All patrons who desire to have First Day Covers bearing the new stamps, specially cancelled on the day of issue, are required to forward self-addressed envelopes to the Postmaster, Ottawa 2, Ont., Canada, not to the Philatelic Section, to arrive not later than March 5.

All must contain "fillers" and must be sealed or have the flap turned in. To avoid errors the patron should mark on the cover, upper right hand corner, the quantity of stamps to be affixed to each.

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The necessary space should be allowed if blocks of stamps are ordered. The Postmaster, Ottawa, cannot guarantee to supply plate blocks of four stamps which will be distributed as equitably as the supply permits. The Philatelic Section will not handle First Day Covers.

The postage rate on first class mail for delivery in North and South America, the British Commonwealth, France and Spain, is 5c. The first class mail rate for Ottawa local delivery is 4c and for countries not mentioned above is 6c. The fee required for registration is 20c additional. Avoid covers being spoiled by postage due markings by prepaying sufficient postage.

Remittances for First Day Covers are to be made payable to the "Receiver General of Canada" and sent to the Postmaster, Ottawa 2, Ont., Canada.

Remittances for mint stamps are to be made payable to the "Receiver General of Canada" and sent directly to the Post Office Department, Philatelic Section, Financial Branch, Ottawa 4, Ont., Canada. Orders for the stamps in selected mint condition may now be sent to the Philatelic Section and the orders will be filled and returned at the earliest possible date after March 7.

Remittances should be made by means of postal money order or bank draft in Canadian funds, payable to the "Receiver General of Canada". Patrons from countries other than Canada or the United States should forward remittances by means of an International Money Order. Postal Notes cannot be accepted. If cash is sent, it should be in a registered package. Postage stamps are not acceptable as a remittance.

Plate number blocks will only be supplied from the Philatelic Section of the Department with orders for these stamps in mint condition. 50 stamps, a full pane, must be ordered for each plate number block desired.

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Architect Artisans, Slogans Announced

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It will have its first day of issue on February 23 in New York City.

Slogan cancellations will be made available to collectors at the following communities. Envelopes must have a name and address, 3c postage, contain a stuffer and have the flap sealed or turned in. Postal cards must have an address.

Lamar, Mo. will begin use of its die on March 14 and continue it through September 14. It marks the town's centennial.

Laconia, N.H. publicizes the North American Ski Jumping Championship, February 10 to March 10.

Mrs. Raynor Hubbell Called By Death

Mrs. Raynor Hubbell, wife of the collector and dealer of Confederate States stamps so prominently known in the United States, was called by death on February 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubbell had their home in Griffin, Ga. She was well versed in her husband's specialty and assisted him in his business. Mrs. Hubbell had come to Griffin to live about 25 years ago from Redlands, Calif.

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A Round Trip To Sidney, Ohio

On January 24 I decided to make a trip to our offices in Sidney, Ohio. Mrs. Linn called the air lines at Orlando, Fla. (about 37 miles from our home) and inquired as to plane reservations to Dayton, Ohio, (about 30 miles from Sidney). We were advised we could get a flight out of Orlando about midnight that evening, or that we could have another flight scheduled to leave Orlando about 8:26 in the morning. We decided on the early morning flight because we did not want to drive to Orlando late at night on account of the heavy fogs that had been prevalent about here at that time.



GEORGE W. LINN

Mrs. Linn then packed our luggage and we got up at 6 a.m. on the morning of the 25th and drove to Orlando, even then the fog was bad and driving hazardous. We parked our car at the airport and picked up our tickets and settled down in one of the comfortable chairs provided for those who have to wait between planes. We met a lady who had planned to take the midnight flight out of Orlando, the one we refused to take. She could not take it because it did not go and she had to wait for our 8:26 a.m. flight which could not go also due to fog and so she sat and waited some more. This flight finally got out of Orlando about 10:30 a.m. This therefore made us late for connections at Jacksonville, where we had to change to get to Atlanta, so we were from then on to Dayton "Stand By" passengers. That means if any of the planes coming along later in the day had room for another passenger or more that we might get a seat. There were a whole lot of other people in the same fix and it was just a toss up as to who got moving. As it happened with us we sat in the airport at Jacksonville for almost five hours before we could get a plane to Atlanta. After arriving in Atlanta it was another toss up as to whether we could get into Cincinnati. Good fortune favored us here as we had only a couple hours wait after which we got a plane out of Atlanta about 8 o'clock. We were no more than in the air and on our way than the pilot of the plane announced over his loud speaker that the Atlanta Airport had been closed down and that there would be no more planes in or out that night. When we boarded this plane at Atlanta we were told that they could only guarantee us a seat as far as Knoxville, Tenn. However the stewardess on the plane told us to hold our seats when we got to Knoxville for it might be possible that there would be space for us to continue on to Cincinnati. We were again fortunate that we did not get bumped off at Knoxville and we did go on to Cincinnati. Here again we waited until about 10:30 at night and were again fortunate as a stand by passenger to get a flight to Dayton, Ohio. The news we could go came so late that all we could do was jump on the plane and go. When we finally did arrive at Dayton about 11 o'clock we had to phone to Mr. Turley and ask him to come down to the airport and pick us up. The roads were icy and bad so we had to wait over an hour before he arrived and we got into Sidney about 1 o'clock Saturday morning. Originally we were due in Sidney by 5 o'clock Friday afternoon.

We can not of course blame the airlines for the weather which was the sole cause of all this delay. We can only congratulate the airlines for their splendid management under tremendous difficulties. Just how the smiling young men and women who man the ticket desks at these various terminals can wear a smile and be as courteous as they are to the avalanche of disappointed travelers, as these employees do is more than we can understand. It is a job that would tax the patience of a saint.

However from the other standpoint, the experience to an older person such as myself who has long been past his days of when he could stay out all night once in a while and still take it as past, and the weariness, the tired legs, and joints are such that I feel that I never again want to ride on an airplane. The big point that the airlines talk about is the time element, the short travel time. Well, in this instance we spent more time on the trip sitting in airports praying for a chance to get on a plane than we spent in flying.

We could have taken a train at a bit after nine at night and would have arrived in Sidney about 1 o'clock the next night. This however would have permitted the trip in complete comfort, with no hustle and no unusual stop over or waiting.

To add to this misery our flight home was just about as bad. We left Sidney by auto at 7:45 Thursday morning, January 31st. Mrs. Turley drove us to Dayton to catch a plane due to fly to Cincinnati where we would change to an Atlanta plane. This plane could not leave the ground because landing conditions at Cincinnati when the plane would be due were impossible. The field was having a drizzling, freezing rain. So we again sat and waited in Dayton until finally an announcement was made that a Greyhound bus would pick up passengers at the Dayton Airport and take them to Cincinnati, stopping at both the Gibson Hotel and then at the airport.

This bus left at 10:30 and arrived at the hotel a bit after 1 o'clock. We all rushed into ticket offices at the hotel and tried to find out about stand by reservations from Cincinnati to Atlanta. We were told we would have to go to the airport for these so out we went. The Cincinnati Airport is away up the Ohio River from Cincinnati, over in Kentucky. I thought we must be half way to Georgetown before we got there. This is another unpleasant thing about air travel. The stations are so far away from the towns that if one is marooned there they are in a tough spot and can only become a "sitter" and hope for transportation.

We did, however get a plane out of Cincinnati for Knoxville and then we were taking a chance that we could be bumped off at Knoxville or Chattanooga if necessity arose. On this flight we flew over the flood ravished part of eastern Kentucky and Tennessee. Again we were fortunate that we got to hold out seats through to Atlanta.

Arriving at Atlanta about 5 o'clock we managed to get confirmed reservations through to Orlando on a plane that was coming from Denver, Colo. and going thru to Miami. This plane was marked on time which was 8:26 out of Atlanta. It came in late and left Atlanta at 10:30. We arrived in Orlando about 1:15. From there on it was easy sailing as we had parked our car at the airport the day we left and only had to pick it up and drive 37 miles home to Howey where we arrived about 12:30 and were glad to be home.

Again on this tortuous trip I was amazed at the smiling faces and pleasantness of the young men and women who manned the ticket offices. It also amazes one to go into a big airport like the one at Atlanta and find at least 100 or more people clamoring at the ticket windows for tickets and hundreds more people sitting by waiting for their planes. A tremendous number of people travel daily by air and the loss of life is very rare. It amazes one on night flights to wonder how these big planes, as big as a railroad car can pick up and hop into the air and fly at high speeds through the darkest nights and set down at the next airport with a precision landing.

The strain is enough to wear out the elderly people who have to go thru such days of flying. I still think I will take a train the next time, but perhaps this scrambling about only happens in bad winter weather and of course the airways can not control the weather.

Both Mrs. Linn and myself were glad to get home from the icy streets and zero weather. On arrival at Orlando the temperature was in the low seventies and today as I write this story it was in the 80's.

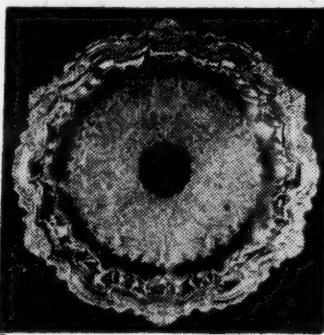
We shed our heavy clothes and seemed to catch the scent of orange blossoms in the air.

Our mail is away ahead of us again, we will try to catch up with all of it soon. If you are one to whom a reply has been late in coming let this be the explanation so I will not have to explain when I write you.

More information on the stolen stamps has come to hand and we will comment on that later. In reply to a letter to Mr. Shoemaker asking cooperation of the A.P.S. in ferreting out the names of those people connected with the sale of the stamps to Mr. Siegel, Mr. Shoemaker says he had no knowledge that the stamps had been recovered, that he had only seen or heard rumors. The fact that some of the stamps had been recovered were first made known in this paper and in the following issues all other papers carried a release from Mr. Siegel admitting that he had bought some of the stamps. This was perhaps also in the A.P.S. Journal.

Silver Prizes For Winners At BALPEX

The Baltimore, Md. Philatelic Society announces the extension of the date for submission of entries to Balpex 57 to be held at the Maryland Institute of Art, from March 15-17. The closing date for entries has been changed to March 1.



Among the more than thirty five prizes will be an elaborate array of silver. Special awards include a striking silver tray presented by the International Society for Japanese Philately and a certificate for excellence in research presented by the Society of Philatelic Americans.

A unique feature of this show will be intra-society competition between stamp clubs from within the Associated Stamp Clubs of the Chesapeake Area (ASCCA). This special competition will enable those collectors who for some reason or other cannot enter individual exhibits to join outstanding features from their collections to those of their fellow members in a club exhibit to compete with similar exhibits from other clubs within ASCCA.

Another expected feature will be a special display by the Division of Philately of the U. S. Post Office Department which will illustrate methods used in the printing of postage stamps in the Bureau of

1957 STAMP PROGRAM

Feb. 23 — 3c Architects, New York City (no further details).

Aug. 1—Air Force 50th Anniversary, Washington, D. C. (No further details).

Steel Industry, New York City. (No further details).

Oklahoma Statehood (details not announced).

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ALREADY ISSUED

1086 — Hamilton 3c, New York, N. Y. January 11.

1087 — Polio 3, Washington, D. C. January 15.

1088 — C & GS 3c, Seattle, Wash., February 11.

CANADA

March 7 — Four Recreation stamps 5c each. (Details in Linn's edition of Feb. 18)

UNITED NATIONS

April 8—3c and 8c UN Emergency Force.

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GERMANY MINT

3N26-8b	8.04	8N1-13	.11	9N75-79	.95	1 DM		10N54-57	1.95	10N102-6	.35
8N1-13	.11	8N14-27	1.65	9N80	.45	Post	.40	10N58-67	1.40	10N107	.65
8N14-27	1.65	8N28-37	13.50	9N81-83	.65	9N81-3	5.95	10N68-69	.25	10N108-9	.12
8N38-40	8.95	8N38-39	1.85	9N84-88	.70	9N83a	6.95	10N70	.11	10N110	.65
8N41	1.00	8N40-41	1.30	9N89-100	.40	9N84-5	.95	10N71-74	.25	10N111	.65
8N42	.30	8N34a	10.95	9N101-2	.12	9N86-7	1.45	10N75	.80	10N112	.65
8N43-44	.75	8N5-6	.60	9N103	.13	9N88-11	4.40	10N76-77	.15	10N113	.65
8N45-46	1.20	8N7-8	.75	9N104	.13	9N812	.45	10N78-79	.30	10N114	.65
8N47-48	1.65	8N9-11	2.50	9N105	.08	9N813	.25	10N80-81	.75	10N115-17	.10
8N49	6.95	8N1-20	3.95	9N106	.15	9N814-16	.25	10N82-84	.85	10N118-19	.65
8N50-5	1.60	9N21-24	3.75	9N107	.13	9N817	.17	10N85-88	.95	10N120-30	.65
8N58a-b	2.10	9N35-41	10.95	9N108-10	.50	9N818	.25	10N89	.08	10N124a	.35
8N59-11	2.15	9N42/56	2.75	9N111	.20	10N17-21	.15	10N90	.08	10N137-44	.65
8N12-4	3.30	9N42-60	6.50	9N112	.13	10N22-28	.13	10N91	.07	10N147	.15
8N15	.11	9N42a/49a		9N113-14	.17	10N29-44	.85	10N92-93	.25	10N148-50	.15
8N16-29	1.65	9N61	3.95	9N115	.20	10N45	.06	10N94-95	.15	10N151-64	.65
8N30-40	1.50	9N61-63	4.95	9N116-19	.15	10N46-47	.10	10N96-97	.10	10N155-71	.65
8N61-2	.35	9N64-67	1.75	Tower	.05	10N48	.11	10N98	.06	10N172-73	.65
8N68a	4.50	9N68	.70	Townhall	.05	10N49-50	.12	10N99	.07	10N174-75	.11
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SYMBOLS USED

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TERMS

1. Lots will be sold to the highest bidder at a slight advance over the amount of the second highest bid received by 5 P. M. March 2, 1957. In case of tie bids, first bidder receives the lot.
2. All bidding is by mail. There are no floor bids.
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4. New Customers obtaining lots will be notified of lots obtained for them and material will be forwarded on receipt of full payment.
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6. All stamps are guaranteed genuine. Claims for any lot proving otherwise must be made within two weeks of sale.
7. Catalogue used: 1956 Scott's.

DESCRIPTIONS

Superb-Excellent condition, truly all that can be desired in a stamp. If hinged, hinged in a straight line. Very Fine-Perfect in every respect but not as well centered as a superb item. Fine-A sound copy not damaged and perforations clear of design. Very Good-A sound copy but the perforations may cut into design or it may be heavily cancelled.

PLEASE NOTE

Scott's 1956 Catalogue used for this Sale. 1957 Catalogue prices are well above on most of this material.

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1	#1 5c F-VF	\$27.50
2	#1 5c Fine copy	27.50
3	#7 1c Fine copy	10.00
4	#9 1c Fine copy	10.00
5	#24 1c Fine copy	7.50
6	#30a 5c VG-F copy	15.00
7	#15 10c Fine copy	9.00
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110	#344E 2c Imp. coil pair	2.50
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112	#345 2c Superb copy	7.00
113	#346 4c Superb copy	3.00
114	#346E 4c Imperf. coil	3.75
115	#347 5c Superb copy	20.00
116	#347E 5c Imperf. coil Line	6.50
117	#349 2c nearly Superb NH	21.00
118	#349 2c VF pair NH	3.00
119	#349 2c Line pair VF	6.00
120	#350 4c Line copy	2.00
121	#350 4c Line pair VF-Sup.	18.50
122	#351 5c VF copy	6.50
123	#352 1c VF copy	12.50
124	#352 1c VF pair NH	3.50
125	#352 1c VF pair VF	10.00
126	#353 2c VF pair VF	7.00
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131	#354 4c VF copy NH	6.00
132	#354 4c VF copy NH	6.00
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256	#483 3c VF copy NH	25.00
257	#483 3c Cent. line Bk. 4 Sup.	8.00
258	#483 3c Bk. of 4 Sup. NH	7.00
259	#483 3c Bk. of 4 Sup. NH	7.00
260	#483 3c Bk. of 4 Sup. NH	7.00
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Some weeks ago you will remember this column carried the information that the Post Office Department is very much opposed to letters or other pieces of mail on which have been used a foreign stamp, seal or other item in lieu of a postage stamp. Some persons have done this and gotten away with it and think they have a wonderfully rare item.

Actually what they have is a liability if they were involved in preparing it since there are very strict laws against this sort of thing backed by fines and prison terms.

Just the other day a reader commented on this and came up with a brand new (to him) approach of this same thing. He wondered if such a piece of mail, say a letter, with the full postage payment affixed, could have one of these odd seals or foreign stamps alongside, and get the legitimate postal cancellation.

The POD has this stunt bracketed, too. You can place nothing resembling a stamp on the face of the envelope. There is one exception and that is during the Christmas season when the Post Office Department will allow the use of a Christmas seal near the stamp itself. Other than that save your cuteness for something of a more legal nature.

1. The statue of John Ericsson, appearing on the commemo to his honor released on May 29, 1926, was unveiled on that date by a member of foreign royalty. Know who it was?

2. In 1929 a commemo appeared to note an anniversary of the Sullivan Expedition. Where did it operate and during what period?

There are several stamps I immediately check with each new appearance of the Scott U.S. Specialized Catalog (released at long last). In this, I perhaps have a number of brothers, since my interest centers on the several issues which appeal to me as "sleepers" from the investment angle. I have no quantity of any of them — perhaps a couple of plain blocks, or a plate block, or the like.

I bought them some years ago at the regular club auctions. Other members were unwilling to pay a trifle more than the current market of those days for very fine to superb stamps. I always figured when you could get well-centered material of pre-1940 days at a fair figure, and the money was available, cop on to it.

One example is a plate block of the Harding rotary press mourning stamp, Scott No. 612. In the 1956 Scott it was valued at \$27.50 mint. The 1957 has boosted this figure to \$40. I have a very fine plate block which was purchased at a fraction of that sum.

I don't invest in stamps. Except in very few isolated instances you won't even make interest on such a tying-up of money. The few items I have which might be regarded in that category were all unmediated purchases as far as future profit was concerned.

However, it's nice to have one's judgment vindicated!

The February edition of the "Reading Overprint", bulletin of the Reading, Pa. Stamp Collectors Club, has a limerick, the first of what the editor hoped would be a series of them to brighten the pages of the publication. It reads —

A crank on condition named Glynn,
Wed a girl who was painfully thin.
"Straight-edges, you know,
"Make your value quite low;
"As a space-filler though, you'll fit in."

One of the pieces most frequently sent here for an opinion is a "gutter-snipe". These are relatively common and unless of a most unusual nature are worth about double face, for a current issue.

The pane of stamps sold at the post office has extra paper around all four sides. The is called selvage. It is widest on the side which carries the plate number.

Such panes have been cut from a sheet on which there were four of the same size. The four are cut apart, for packing and shipping to post offices, into the size we all know. Now, if in cutting them apart, one of the sheets is out of line, or the operator of the cutter didn't center the stack of sheets correctly, then the knife will sever them so that one pane will have part of the selvage of an adjacent one. Singles, blocks or sheets with this extra selvage attached are called gutter-snipes.

If you want a really good discussion of the topic, with illustrations, I'd advise a reading of the fine article by John W. Teasdale in the January 1957 edition of the "Bureau Specialist", official publication of the Bureau Issues Assn.

I imagine 50c would get a copy, if any are left. Inquire of the editor, R.A. Bryant, Bureau Issues Assn., West Somerville 44, Mass.

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424 1c Green	.85	.25 .02	634 2c Carmine	.15	.05 .02	795 3c Ord.	.24 .06 .02	928 5c Conference	.24 .07 .03		
426 3c Deep Violet	3.00	.75 .15	635 3c Violet	.20	.06 .02	796 5c Va. Dare	.60 .15 .09	929 3c Iwo Jima	.17 .05 .02		
427 4c Brown	5.75	1.45 .04	636 4c Yellow Brown	.44	.11 .02	797 10c Smoky Mt.	.17	930 1c Roosevelt	.06 .03 .02		
428 5c Blue	3.20	.80 .04	637 5c Dark Blue	.55	.14 .02	798 3c Constitution	.25 .07 .02	931 2c Roosevelt	.14 .04 .02		
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469 7c Black	2.20	.40 .04	647 2c Hawaii	1.40	.35 .27	807 3c (Jefferson)	.15 .04 .01	1022 thru 1065 Each	.15 .05 .02		
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471 9c Salmon Red	5.25	1.35 1.00	649 2c Aeronautics	.50	.12 .10	809 4 1/2c (W. House)	.24 .06 .02	1067 to date all 3c Comm. Ea.	.15 .05 .02		
472 10c Orange Yellow	5.25	1.35 .15	650 5c Aeronautics	2.10	.52 .45	810 5c (Monroe)	.25 .07 .01	AIR MAIL			
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506 6c Red Orange	.80	.20 .03	655 2c Edison - 11x10 1/2	.56	.14 .04	814 9c (Harrison)	.44 .11 .01	C11 5c Carmine & Blue	.95 .21 .08		
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PLATE BLOCK THOUGHTS and COMMENTS

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The mysteries of the unknown generally arouse the greatest interest in all matters and in all walks of life. That which is unknown is respected, revered and held highest in esteem and in value. Today it's uranium. Gold, silver and other articles of value were the subject of intense search and the object of many dreams. In diamonds, all over the world, there are a few that are known to be extremely rare and thousands more like them, varying in degrees of scarcity. The same thing applies to coins, but probably more so in stamps than any other single item.

In plate blocks, collectors and dealers alike have a great fascination in their search for numbers known to be very rare. In many respects the mystery that surrounds the presence of plate numbers gives many collectors much to talk about and frequently heated discussions arise as to their possible and potential whereabouts and their availability. Of course all of this is finally resolved in every instance with the most important question of all, value.

Except for the meagre information which is supplied by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing as of each plate, this is usually provided sometimes soon after the numbers have finished their run and sometimes even years later, nothing else is known for a fact beyond that. It is almost like scattering information to the four winds over the vast stretches of this country which is to absorb the limited impressions of a short run of any one or a few plates. From here on it's all a matter of fate. Collectors and dealers can then enjoy a field day in regards to determining scarcity and values.

Actually, as I see it, plate numbers or plate blocks, if that is what you collect, take on a new form of evaluation which is as flexible and fickle as the wind. It appears to be normal and natural for those who seek to obtain these uncommon and scarce items to keep their values low and reasonable until they come into their possession. This is one group, or one side of the question.

The other side is equally normal in trying to maintain a high value and price level for these very same uncommon numbers after they have obtained them. And so the tug of war goes on for an indefinite period until one side is strong enough to outweigh the other.

It is uncommon to find in a stamp club, or in any small gathering of collectors, for the subject of scarce plate numbers to come up for a discussion. Quite frequently views are presented which are only limited by the individual's imagination which, at times, as you well know, can go to sublime extremes. The fact that there is no proof to the contrary gives the collector a chance to go out on a limb without fear of positive contradiction.

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to collectors, or even dealers, who will boldly come out with fantastic price evaluations that are not completely founded on sound reasoning or discretion. It is almost like the man who is asked how many stars there are in the sky and who, without hesitation, will tell you exactly that there are 7,342,561, and "if you don't believe it, go ahead and count them and see if I'm not right."

It's a peculiar situation and it's highly doubtful that a solution can be conceived which will be fair and equitable to everyone concerned. This subject can and should be viewed from many sides and many angles, and invariably one can come up with a paradoxical set of answers, none of which can be considered correct and reasonable under different circumstances.

I wonder if this illustration would serve a point. Two men came into a judge's home with a dispute. Calmly the judge listened to the story of the first complainant and when he was through he said "you seem to be right". Then the second man told his story and when he was finished, the judge remarked, "you sound to be correct". The Judge's wife, hearing all of this, quickly turned to her husband and asked his honor, "How can it be that the first man's story is correct and the second man's story is correct?" To which the judge replied, "My dear, you too are absolutely right." There is a lot more that can and will be brought out on the subject of scarce and rare plate blocks, which will be continued soon again.

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#538	1c P. 11x10	2.50	#257	8c V. Brown	12.00	#402	2c Carmine	28.00	#643	2c Vermont	2.25
#539	2c P. 11x10	3.25	#258	10c D. Green	32.00	#403	5c Blue	65.00	#644	2c Burgoyne	3.60
#541	3c P. 11x10	13.00	#259	15c D. Blue	36.00	#404	10c Orange	235.00	#645	2c Valley P.	1.50
#545	1c 1921 P. 11	45.00	#260	50c Orange	42.00	#407	7c 1914	20.00	#651	2c Clark	1.25
#546	2c 1921 P. 11	22.00	#265	2c 1895	6.00	#409	2c Imperf.	2.40	#654	2c Edison	2.75
#578	1c P. 11x10	22.00	#266	2c Type I	11.00	#414	8c 1912	6.50	#657	2c Sullivan	2.25
#579	2c P. 11x10	11.00	#268	3c Purple	6.00	#415	8c S. Red	9.25	#680	2c Wayne	2.75
#581-91	Set	34.00	#269	5c D. Brown	8.00	#416	10c O. Yellow	9.75	#681	2c Ohio C.	1.75
#584	3c Perf. 10	8.00	#270	5c Chocolate	7.50	#417	12c Cl. Brown	6.50	#682	2c Mass Bay	2.30
#585	4c Brown	3.00	#271	6c D. Brown	15.00	#418	15c Gray	16.50	#683	2c Charleston	3.25
#586	5c Blue	4.50	#272	8c V. Brown	6.00	#419	20c Ultra	32.00	#688	2c Braddock	3.25
#587	6c Orange	1.75	#273	10c D. Green	14.00	#420	30c Or. Red	24.00	#689	2c Steuben	2.50
#588	7c Black	1.75	#274	15c D. Blue	32.00	#421	50c Violet	110.00	#690	2c Pulaski	1.10
#589	8c Olive	5.00	#275	20c Ultra	125.00	#422	50c Violet	65.00	#724	3c Webster	2.50
#590	9c Rose	1.75	#276	1c Black	1.60	#423	1c V. Brown	115.00	#725	3c Webster	2.50
#591	10c Orange	7.50	#277	1c 1898	1.60	#424	1c 1914	1.10	#726	3c Ogilethorp	1.65
#595	2c Perf. 11	40.00	#280	4c R. Brown	6.50	#426	3c Violet	3.75	#733	3c Byrd	3.00
#602	2c Perf. 10	18.00	#281	5c D. Blue	4.50	#427	4c Brown	8.25	#734	5c Kosciusko	3.60
#603	1 1/2c Imperf.	2.00	#282	10c Or. Brown	30.00	#430	7c Black	14.00	#740-49	Parks Set	12.00
#632-42	Set (12)	6.50	#282c	Type I	32.00	#431	8c O. Green	8.00	#754-65	Imperf.	20.00
#633 1 1/2c Brown	1.50	#284 15c O. Green	30.00	#432 8c Red	5.00	#433 10c Or. Yellow	9.75	#771 16c S.D. Air	6.50		
#642 10c Orange	1.10	#294 1c Pan Am	3.25	#434 11c D. Green	5.50	#435 12c C. Brown	6.00	#C1 6c 1918 Air	22.00		
#646 2c Molly P.	3.10	#295 2c Pan Am	3.25	#437 15c Gray	32.00	#438 20c Ultra	21.00	#C2 16c 1918 Air	52.00		
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#658-68 Kans. SET	65.00	#299 10c Y. Br. & B.	36.00	#463 10c O. Yellow	28.00	#464 3c Violet	22.00	#C7 10c Long Map	1.20		
#660 2c Kans.	2.40	#300 1c 1902	1.75	#465 4c Or. Brown	7.25	#466 4c Or. Brown	7.25	#C8 15c Brown	1.65		
#662 3c Violet	6.50	#301 5c Carmine	2.25	#468 8c Red Or.	18.00	#469 7c Black	14.00	#C9 20c Green	2.75		
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#664 6c Orange	9.75	#303 4c Brown	8.00	#472 10c O. Yellow	28.00	#472 10c O. Yellow	28.00	#C11 5c Car. & Bl.	1.75		
#665 7c Black	4.25	#304 5c Blue	9.00	#474 12c C. Brown	11.50	#475 15c Gray	32.00	#C12 5c Violet	4.25		
#666 8c Olive	20.00	#305 6c Claret	6.25	#476 20c Ultra	42.00	#476 20c Ultra	42.00	#C13 65c Zeppelin	75.00		
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#670 1 1/2c Nebr.	1.10	#309 15c O. Green	32.00	#480 5c 1917	68.00	#480 5c 1917	68.00	#C17 5c Ultra	1.65		
#672 3c Violet	3.60	#310 50c Orange	75.00	#503 4c Brown	2.65	#504 5c Blue	1.20	#Q1-2 Parcel P.	1.65		
#673 4c Brown	6.25	#311 1c Imperf.	11.00	#504 5c Blue	1.20	#506 6c R. Orange	1.20	#Q3 3c Parcel P.	2.25		
#674 5c Blue	5.00	#312 1c Imperf.	23.00	#506 6c R. Orange	1.20	#508 8c Violet	3.00	#Q4 4c Parcel P.	5.25		
#675 6c Orange	10.00	#313 2c 1903	1.25	#508 8c Violet	3.00	#509 9c Sal. Red	2.75	#Q5 5c Parcel P.	5.50		
#676 7c Black	6.25	#319 2c 1903	1.25	#509 9c Sal. Red	2.75	#510 10c O. Yellow	2.00	#Q6 10c Parcel P.	15.00		
#677 8c Olive	9.00	#320 2c Imperf.	12.00	#510 10c O. Yellow	2.00	#511 11c Green	3.00	#Q7 20c Parcel P.	18.00		
#678 9c Rose	17.00	#328 1c Jamestown	6.00	#511 11c Green	3.00	#512 12c C. Brown	1.40	#Q8 25c Parcel P.	11.00		
#679 10c Orange	30.00	#329 2c Jamestown	6.00	#512 12c C. Brown	1.40	#513 13c G. Green	3.00	#Q9 50c Parcel P.	65.00		
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#701 50c Llac	5.00	#333 3c Violet	5.00	#515 20c Ultra	8.75	#516 30c Or. Red	6.00	#Q12 \$1 Parcel P.	95.00		
#704-15 Biceat'l	22.00	#334 4c O. Brown	7.00	#516 30c Or. Red	6.00	#517 50c Violet	7.00				
#710 5c Blue	1.35	#335 5c Blue	8.50	#517 50c Violet	7.00	#518 1c V. Brown	11.00				
#711 6c Orange	3.25	#336 6c R. Orange	9.75	#518 1c V. Brown	11.00	#519 1c V. Brown	11.00				
#712 7c Black	8.00	#337 8c O. Green	8.00	#519 1c V. Brown	11.00	#520 1c V. Brown	11.00				
#713 8c Olive	3.00	#338 10c Yellow	12.50	#520 1c V. Brown	11.00	#521 1c Pilgrim	3.00				
#714 9c Red	2.75	#339 13c B. Green	11.00	#521 1c Pilgrim	3.00	#522 1c Pilgrim	4.50				
#715 10c Yellow	7.00	#340 15c Ultra	11.00	#522 1c Pilgrim	4.50	#523 1c Pilgrim	32.00				
#718 3c Olympic	1.15	#341 50c Violet	62.00	#523 1c Pilgrim	32.00	#524 5c 1918	7.25				
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#785-6c Navy	8.85	#343 1c Imperf.	1.50	#525 5c 1918	7.25	#526 5c 1918	7.25				
#833 \$2 Harding	16.00	#344 2c Imperf.	2.75	#526 5c 1918	7.25	#527 5c 1918	7.25				
#834 5c Coolidge	21.00	#345 3c Imperf.	8.25	#527 5c 1918	7.25	#528 5c 1918	7.25				
#837 3c North W.	1.75	#346 4c Imperf.	9.00	#528 5c 1918	7.25	#529 5c 1918	7.25				
#859-93 Famous Set	46.00	#347 5c Imperf.	22.00	#529 5c 1918	7.25	#530 5c 1918	7.25				
#864-68 Authors	6.50	#348 6c Imperf.	22.00	#530 5c 1918	7.25	#531 5c 1918	7.25				
#864-68 Authors	6.50	#349 7c Imperf.	22.00	#531 5c 1918	7.25	#532 5c 1918	7.25				
#869-73 Educators	4.50	#350 8c Imperf.	22.00	#532 5c 1918	7.25	#533 5c 1918	7.25				
#874-78 Scientists	3.50	#351 9c Imperf.	22.00	#533 5c 1918	7.25	#534 5c 1918	7.25				
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#906 5c China	2.40	#357 15c Imperf.	17.50	#539 5c 1918	7.25	#540 5c 1918	7.25				
#C16 5c Airmail	2.10	#358 16c Imperf.	17.50	#540 5c 1918	7.25	#541 5c 1918	7.25				
#C17 8c Olive	1.15	#359 17c Imperf.	17.50	#541 5c 1918	7.25	#542 5c 1918	7.25				
#C18 10c Orange	1.00	#360 18c Imperf.	17.50	#542 5c 1918	7.25	#543 5c 1918	7.25				
#C30 30c Blue	1.50	#361 19c Imperf.	17.50	#543 5c 1918	7.25	#544 5c 1918	7.25				
		#362 20c Imperf.	17.50	#544 5c 1918	7.25	#545 5c 1918	7.25				
		#363 21c Imperf.	17.50	#545 5c 1918	7.25	#546 5c 1918	7.25				
		#364 22c Imperf.	17.50	#546 5c 1918	7.25	#547 5c 1918	7.25				
		#365 23c Imperf.	17.50	#547 5c 1918	7.25	#548 5c 1918	7.25				
		#366 24c Imperf.	17.50	#548 5c 1918	7.25	#549 5c 1918	7.25				
		#367 25c Imperf.	17.50	#549 5c 1918	7.25	#550 5c 1918	7.25				
		#368 26c Imperf.	17.50	#550 5c 1918	7.25	#551 5c 1918	7.25				
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		#370 28c Imperf.	17.50	#552 5c 1918	7.25	#553 5c 1918	7.25				
		#371 29c Imperf.	17.50	#553 5c 1918	7.25	#554 5c 1918	7.25				
		#372 30c Imperf.	17.50	#554 5c 1918	7.25	#555 5c 1918	7.25				
		#373 31c Imperf.	17.50	#555 5c 1918	7.25	#556 5c 1918	7.25				
		#374 32c Imperf.	17.50	#556 5c 1918	7.25	#557 5c 1918	7.25				
		#375 33c Imperf.	17.50	#557 5c 1918	7.25	#558 5c 1918	7.25				
		#376 34c Imperf.	17.50	#558 5c 1918	7.25	#559 5c 1918	7.25				
		#377 35c Imperf.	17.50	#559 5c 1918	7.25	#560 5c 1918	7.25				
		#378 36c Imperf.	17.50	#560 5c 1918	7.25	#561 5c 1918	7.25				
		#379 37c Imperf.	17.50	#561 5c 1918	7.25	#562 5c 1918	7.25				
		#380 38c Imperf.	17.50	#562 5c 1918	7.25	#563 5c 1918	7.25				
		#381 39c Imperf.	17.50	#563 5c 1918	7.25	#564 5c 1918	7.25				
		#382 40c Imperf.	17.50	#564 5c 1918	7.25	#565 5c 1918	7.25				
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Actually it appeared on January 31 according to G. Preuss, Casilla 3794, Santiago, Chile.

It is in a red brown and has the portrait of the founder of the school, Federico Santa Maria.

Souvenir Sheet For POLONUS Exhibition

Another interesting philatelic souvenir sheet to be added to those issued by the Polonus Philatelic Society is the one for Polpex 1957. It honors the 1000th anniversary of Polish-Hungarian Friendship which goes back a thousand years during which time they have had mutual rulers, generals and mutual interests in history, music and philately. The item has as its basic design the recent souvenir sheet from Poland and the two stamps issued by Hungary showing profiles of both Chopin and Liszt. As usual, a folder is furnished describing in detail the story behind the sheet.

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Along with the usual "finest in Polish Philately exhibits" will be the "other than Poland" exhibited by members of Polonus and in addition a new section which will limit each member to two frames, which will be judged by ballots given to the visitors.

The show will be open March 1, 6 to 10 p.m.; March 2 1 to 10 p.m.; and March 3, 1 to 6 p.m. at the Polish Falcon Hall, 1062 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Two Women Will Talk Before New York WPS

The next regular meeting of the Women's Philatelic Society of New York will be held on Thursday February 28 beginning at 8 p.m.

The speakers will be Miss Louise Clemenson on "New Indonesian Issues"; Mrs. Margaret Hackett on "Stamps on Stamps".

Visitors are cordially invited.

Israel-Palestine Group To Meet February 24

February 24 is the date of the next meeting of the Israel-Palestine Society of Los Angeles, Calif. As usual it will be held in the Hillel Foundation, University of Southern California.

Alan Belinkoff, a local specialist in the stamps of Israel will speak about the Holiday issues of the nation and show pages from his

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102	Belgium #Q340, 46-47, 50-51, 55-56, 58, 61	15.30
103	Belgium, VF mint	15.30
104	British Guiana, 1c-51 F-VF mint	15.30
105	Burma 1c-10 F-VF mint	15.00
106	Burma 10 F-VF mint sets	12.20
107	#70-80, 85-89, 5 F-VF mint sets	9.45
108	#O15-24, 3p-1r F-VF mint	5.17
109	#2N30-37 Fine mint	3.75
110	#2N38-50 F-VF mint	1.59
111	#2N41-50 F-VF mint	3.53
112	Cambodia, F-VF mint #1-17	6.06
113	#18-37 F-VF mint	5.33
114	#18-37 VF mint cpl. in 4 diff.	5.33
115	Souv. Sheets	4.01
116	#C1-9 F-VF mint	7.38
117	#C1-9 VF mint cpl. in 3 diff.	7.38
118	Souv. Sheets	4.01
119	#C1-9 Cpl. on 2 First Day Covers	80.00
120	#C1-9 5p Slate gray F-VF used	36.50
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Italian States
Bring \$263,037

January 28 to 30 H. R. Harmer, Inc. of New York, held the seventh auction of the fabulous "Alfred H. Caspary" collection of 19th Century stamps. This sale was devoted exclusively to the Old Italian States, one of the finest groups in the whole collection, and as was to be expected, it aroused considerable interest both in the United States and Europe.

From Italy, where the stamps had been exhibited by Bernard Harmer earlier in January, came several very well known dealers whose bidding reflected the strength of the European market.

Highlight of the first session, which comprised Modena, Parma, Romagna, Roman States and Sardinia, was lot 265, a beautiful block of 20 of the Sardinia 1851 20c blue, for which an Italian dealer paid \$21,000. This is the highest price paid so far for a single lot in a Caspary auction, beating by \$1000 the famous Baden error of color which was sold in April of last year. The same buyer paid \$11,500 for a block of 20 of the 5c gray black and \$18,000 for a similar block of the 40c rose, both of the same issue.

Interest in the second session, the balance of Sardinia and the first part of Tuscany, centered on the 1851-52 issues of Tuscany. In this group came a block of 25 of the 1c ochre on grayish blue which fetched \$13,000, the highest price of the day. Also in the same group a block of 25 of the 1q sold for \$10,500.

The final session contained the balance of Tuscany, also Naples, Sicily and Neapolitan Provinces.

Highest price of the afternoon was paid for a used block of eight, the largest known, of Naples 1860 Savoy Cross 1/2 deep blue, for which an Italian dealer paid \$19,000.

Although there are no great rarities among the stamps of Sicily, the prices obtained were in many cases over double catalogue. A mint block of six of the 1/2 yellow brought \$650 against \$180 catalogue, while a 5g block of four of the rose shade sold for \$525 (cat. \$200).

Just before the third session ended auctioneer Bernard Harmer, announced that the total realization for the Caspary Collection so far had reached the \$1 1/2 million mark. At the end of the 7th sale the total is \$1,503,734.50.

The next Caspary auction, United States Carriers and Locals, will take place on March 18-21 at the Ambassador Hotel, New York.

Egypt Creates "Who's On Third" Dilemma

The first of Egypt's 1957 string of commemoratives brings up the question, "Just when did Egypt inaugurate railroad service?"

Attractively designed and printed with a quality which has come to be expected of the Survey of Egypt, the red-violet and gray-brown stamp shows a modern train in front of the Cairo Railroad Depot and a locomotive and tender supposedly in use in 1857. In itself, it would be perfectly normal, for the inscription states that the latest stamp marks the centennial of Egyptian Railways.

But compare the locomotive with that used on the five-millieme value of the Railway Congress issue of 1933. There it stands, the same locomotive and tender, but this one is dated, 1852.

Just which date is correct? In 1933, 1852 was given as the date of first railroad service in Egypt. The present regime says 1857. Ernest A. Kehr, philatelic editor of the New York Herald-Tribune, and a well known Egyptian specialist on his own, has been unable to as-

BELGIUM — MINT

218-20	30	B302A	50	C8-11	50
227	10	B303 P&I	55	C81-2	10
229-33	1.85	B315-16	45	C83	20
35-6	1.85	B317 P&I	35	E1-2	07
286	08	B319-27	40	J40-53	35
345-8	02	B332-41	30	N1-9	275
348A-C	32	B344-5	65	N10-20	50
349-51	30	B360-7	45	N20	18
369-72	50	B370-5	40	N22	120
382	06	B376-84	50	O26-35	75
421	02	B397-8	13	Q176-8	30
B166-8	35	B399-407	45	Q184-206	0
B180-8	65	B408-15	15	Q263-5	55
B200-7	60	B417-25	105	Q267-90	40
B209-13	55	B432-31	185	Q291-6	08
B264-72	40	B432-6	110	Q297-9	45
B279-80	70	B447-54	145	Q301-6	16
B281-92	70	B455-8	45	Q310-25	16
B293-302	30	B477-9	40	Q310-25	16
		B482A	75	Q310-25	16

Liechtenstein — Mint

11-16	40	171A	1650	222	175
136-50	2.85	181-4	1.10	236	239
152	3.15	185-7	30	277-80	40
155-7	45	188-91	1.15	B18	1.15
160-5	3.50	219-21	70	O28-9	70

Liechtenstein — Used

4-7	9	231	13	C24-33	3.75
171	3.15	234	24	C24	03
202	05	235	32	C25	04
204	07	256	16	C26	04
206	12	258	25	C28	10
209	18	260	75	C31	38
219-21	95	264	95	C32	85
221	46	276-3	46	C33	2.35

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certain the exact date, but has found records to show that railway service was available out of Cairo (route unknown, but suspected to be towards Alexandria) in 1854.

Animals On Stamps
To TV Personality

On Saturday afternoon March 16, at 2:00 p.m. in the LaSalle Hotel in Chicago, Marlin Perkins, Zoo Director at Lincoln Park, will be presented with a collection of "Animals on Stamps" by the Chicago Chapter of the American Stamp Dealer's Assn.

In recognizing him for this honor, the ASDA says, "We feel that this collection of Animals on Stamps should properly go to Mr. Perkins as one of America's greatest zoo directors and a friend to animals. His TV programs have done more to create love and lessen fear of animals than any other medium in our century. And in no less degree, is he a friend of all the children who know him."

The collection will be in a beautiful album with his name, the event, and the subject embossed in gold on the cover. Each page will be hand lettered and gold edged.

The presentation will be made by Harry D. Thorsen, Jr. of Winnetka, Ill. Mr. Thorsen is president of the Evanston - New Trier Philatelic Society and The Scouts on Stamps Society, International.

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Celebrates Founding

Chapter 5 of the Cover Collector's Circuit Club will issue a cacheted cover on March 5 commemorating the group's 10th anniversary. The covers will be mailed from Waterloo, Iowa, home of the CCCC.

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228 30c Black			
229 30c Orange			
424-33 1-10c S. L.			
441-4 1-2c V. & H.			
446 3c S.L. Horiz.			
446 4c S.L. Horiz.			
462-4 1-3c Unwmk.			
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Australian Postmaster General, C.W. Davidson, has announced that by arrangement with the Department of Territories, new 4-pence and 7-pence postage stamps for the Territory of Papua and New Guinea were placed on sale at the Philatelic Sales Sections of the Postmaster-General's Department on January 29.

The 4d is an overprint of the existing 2 1/2d stamp (Bird of Paradise) and the 7d an overprint of the current 1 shilling. (Trading Canoe) in the Papuan and New Guinea Series.

Mr. Davidson added that his Department acted as an agent of the Department of Territories for the sale of all current stamps of Nauru, Norfolk Island and Papua and New Guinea. The stamps could be purchased at face value at the Philatelic Sales Sections in all Australian State capital cities.

He further revealed that a stamp will be issued in April to commemorate the centenary of Responsible Government in South Australia.



It will be a 4d, and will, if possible, be issued on April 22, 100 years after the first parliament under Responsible Government in South Australia had its first sitting.

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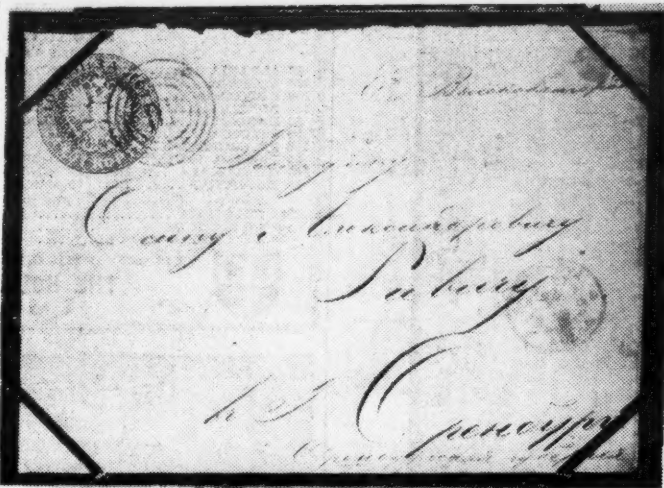
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After the third partition of Poland in 1795, the Russian, Prussian and Austrian governments did much to eliminate all traces of the original Polish postal service. Soon after the revolution against the Russians in 1794, led by Thaddeus Kosciuszko, the mail in Poland took on definite changes. The Russians—after completely submerging Poland into the Russian Empire—issued a special stamp (Scott #1) for use in "Russian Poland" in 1860. It is seldom mentioned in philatelic writings that beside the lone stamp; envelopes were also sold, bearing printed a likeness of the postage for Polish territory.

Like the stamp, the envelopes were of a denomination of "10 copecks in gold". The adhesive and the envelope were used expressly in Polish territory and on mail to Russia proper.

After only five years of use the existing stocks of the stamps for Poland were withdrawn from circulation entirely and were replaced with regular Russian Empire adhesives of that period in 1865.

Since that date, the Polish mail could be recognized only by the cancellation bearing the name of a Polish city where a post office existed. These offices were manned exclusively by nationals of Russia.

The names of Polish cities remained unchanged after absorption of Galicia. Mail from Polish cities was cancelled in the Polish language and therefore was easy to recognize as that from Galicia, part of Poland.

The Prussians, on the other hand, obliterated and changed the names of Polish cities in Pomerania and Silesia to eliminate the last vestiges of Polish character.

In 1914 semi-official Polish stamps came to life again, resurrected in the flames of World War I. First to appear since the partition of Poland were the adhesives issued by the rising Legion of Poles under the command of Jozef Pilsudski.

The "Pilsudski Stamps" were originally intended to serve as labels for inter-camp prepayment of mail. The revenue was set aside to form a source of financial help for the elders, wives and children of Legionnaires.

The adhesives, although not official franking stamps, were often used as prepayment of mail from Pilsudski military camp in Galicia (Austria) to other parts of Europe. Some covers are known to exist which penetrated as far as Vienna and Posen in Germany.



Austrian stamps cancelled in Polish cities.

The rare cover from Regis College Philatelic Museum, pictured above, illustrates the familiar Russian double-headed Eagle on the printed postage and the inscription denoting "for Polish use". The cover is also handstamped (in the Polish language) factuating that the letter was mailed at Praga, a suburb of Warsaw, collecting point #22, from which the mail was forwarded to the Russian main post office for censorship. The handstamp also bears the tell tale "Ekspedycja Poczt" meaning "forwarding Post".

With the exception of Austria—where Poles retained much of their political freedom and language—



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The Pilsudski Legion stamps should be recognized by the philatelic world because after the crumbling Armies retreated from Galicia, the adhesives became the only means of postal prepayment for the Legionnaires and civilian populace as well, there being no Austrian postal service in abandoned Galicia and the Legion in complete charge of the territory.

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In the first half of our report on the Cayman Islands we described the unhappy economic conditions which prevailed until recent years which saw a complete turn for the better. It is therefore no wonder that steady emigration from the three islands occurred throughout the past 75 years. Up to the turn of the century, many Caymanians migrated to the Central American republics (principally Nicaragua and Honduras, where there are still all-Caymanian communities), and to Cuba.

After the turn of the century, large numbers migrated to the United States, the initial impetus being given by the opportunities of employment offered by the construction of the Florida East Coast Railway between 1903 and 1912. With the spectacular development of Florida which has since taken place, more and more Cayman Islanders have been drawn to this country.

It is now probable that there are permanently resident overseas more Caymanians or persons of Caymanian parentage than there are left in the islands!

The climate of the Caymans is for the greater part of the year excellent, as they are cooled by steady northeast trade winds even on the days of the most brilliant and merciless sunshine. The least comfortable period lasts from May to October, though even then the temperature rarely exceeds 85 degrees, but the humidity tends to be high, the rainfall heavy, and the local breed of mosquitoes in some years makes life miserable.

During the rest of the year, especially from mid-November to mid-March, you'll find the Caymans to be as pleasant a vacation paradise as you'll encounter anywhere in the Caribbean. Don't visit there between July and October, as these islands are right in the path of the most destructive hurricanes.

In 1952, the "eye" of one passed only 40 miles west of Grand Cayman, but even the minor pulverizing power at the outer edge of this twister was enough to cause some damage. The danger was even greater in October 1954 when the fearsome hurricane "Hazel", which, incidentally, has been commemorated philatelically by Haiti, Scott Nos. RA17-24 and RAC1-2, headed straight for the three islands and there appeared to be no prospect of avoiding its full impact.

At virtually the last moment, "Hazel" veered north which was lucky for the Caymans; but less fortunate for Haiti and, ultimately, our own East Coast.

Because of its position right astride the hurricane belt, a weather station of great international importance has been in operation in the capital of Georgetown since 1935. It was erected by Cuba and trained observers from the National Observatory at Havana are stationed there throughout the year. (This indicated the financial difficulties that beset the Dependency at the time. To depend on a foreign power for a weather station is certainly ignominious.)

The islands of Cayman Brac and Little Cayman are said to have been discovered by Columbus in May 1503, in the course of a voyage from Porto Bello, Panama, to Hispaniola (Haiti and the Dominican Republic), and to have been named by him "Las Tortugas" for the numerous turtles found there. (Some of the West Indian islands, for instance Jamaica, were inhabited by native Arawak Indians at the time of Columbus, but most of the smaller ones discovered then were uninhabited.)

No settlements were founded until the first English settlers arrived in 1734, but that does not mean that the Caymans were without human visitors for over two centuries. On the contrary, Spanish, English, Dutch and French ships dropped anchor quite frequently in order to replenish their food supplies with the local turtles which, the cap-

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tains knew, were always plentiful.

The crews that came ashore also found swarms of alligators, "caimans", to which the islands owe their present name. Alligators and iguanas are very seldom seen today and may be at the point of extinction.

Britain captured Jamaica in 1655 and their right to it was formalized by the Treaty of Madrid in 1670. The Caymans were "thrown in" for good measure. The islands during that period played host to occasional shipwrecked sailors, beach-combers, marooned mariners and pirates, the infamous Blackbeard amongst them.

During the 18th and 19th centuries the English settlers and their slaves eked a modest living from the soil, from some small-scale ship-building, and fishing.

The settlers have enjoyed a fair amount of self-government ever since 1832. At first, public affairs were administered by "Justices of the Peace" appointed by the Governor of Jamaica. The Justices functioned under the direction of one of their number whom they themselves selected and who was addressed as "Governor".

In 1852, the principle of representative government was accepted and elected members known as "Vestrymen" were added to the administrative body. At the same time, the title "Custos" was substituted for that of "Governor".

Since 1898 the powers of the custos have been vested in a "Commissioner" who combines administrative duties with those of a Judge of the Grand Court. He is selected by the London Colonial Office and appointed by the Governor of Jamaica. He presides over a Legislative Assembly consisting of 27 Justices of the Peace and 27 Vestrymen. (Isn't it strange that these two terms should convey such an entirely different meaning to us in the United States?)

The election of Vestrymen is held every two years and whereas women are technically included in the electorate there has always been a tacit understanding that only male taxpayers shall vote, the latter being defined as "persons between the ages of 18 and 60 years". In other words, once he's passed 60, a Cayman resident is no longer considered fit to vote!

The first post office on Grand Cayman was opened in 1885 and Jamaican stamps continued in exclusive use until the two Cayman Queen Victoria stamps Nos. 1 and 2 were released on February 19, 1901. Sorting out quantities of common used Jamaican stamps of the late 19th century, you'll occasionally find a "Grand Cayman" postmark, but very seldom on the higher values.

With the exception of Scott No. 20, rarest of the 1907-8 provisionals, a collection of the Caymans, either mint or used, can be completed by the average collector. It will take much longer for a used collection, however, in view of the small population of the three islands and the consequently limited volume of mail. In all instances where Scott quotes the same figure in the mint and used columns, the retail prices of the cancelled items are always 15% to 20% higher than of the same stamp unused.

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LET'S SWAP

Cactus Jack Williams

In response to an overwhelming flood of requests (i.e., a polite Christmas card from Cliff Bieber), I am once again taking my pen in hand to record for posterity some of the soul-stirring adventures which have befallen me in the mad pursuit of the elusive postage stamp. It should be clearly understood that when it comes to flinging a stamp collection together I am distinctly not in a class with Alfred G. Caspary or Maurice Burrus. However, in my own small, low-priced way I seem to have real talent for accumulating a vast hoard of the little rascals. Over a period of many years I have been receiving, swapping, hoarding and buying on what, when the results are surveyed, can only be described as a grandiose scale.

Circumstances having decreed that I should share my household with a wife and three boys, there is bound to be a certain amount of friction arising from time to time as to how far I can reasonably expect to strew my collection all over the house and cram my family into the corners. (This is a quotation from a few thousand well-chosen words on the same subject by my esteemed spouse). At any rate, thus prodded, I decided to pare it down somewhat in order to maintain domestic felicity on an even keel.

To me, my stamps have always seemed like dear friends, and I have therefore always avoided selling them if at all possible. I have no such qualms of conscience about trading them off, however, so I decided to go into the exchange business on a big scale I reasoned thus: I would keep all stamps cataloging six cents and up for individual exchange. I would put all those cataloging two cents into a box and give them to kids. I would package up those cataloging three, four and five cents in lots of a hundred and trade them around till I found someone honest enough to trade the better ones with. In this way, I would gradually acquire new items for my albums and release enough closet space to keep the little woman happy.

I still feel that this plan was sound. Unfortunately, I suffered one severe handicap in executing it—I live in the middle of the desert, and was forced to do all my trading by mail. However, I had read somewhere that 99% of the human race is honest, and I figured I could charge off the other 1% and still come out on the deal.

I am regretfully forced to report that these statistics are considerably on the optimistic side. I kept a carefully tabulated report on the results of my exchanges, and while it is somewhat discouraging financially in spots, it certainly provided me with some interesting research material in connection with my study of human behavior. I can only say that my ultimate conclusion is that the veneer of civilization appears to be somewhat thinner than most of us suspect.

In order to justify myself, I submit, entirely unpicked, the first ten swaps on my list, and the results:

1. "Send quantity cheaper stamps—receive fewer better grade". I sent approximately 1000, cataloging 2 to 5 cents each. Received 3 stamps cataloging 62c total. I suppose literally speaking

I got what I bargained for—fewer better grade!!

2. "Send quantity cheaper stamps for fewer better grade". Sent 2500 cataloging 2 to 5 cents. Received 700 odd mostly cataloging 2 cents and number of labels bearing biblical quotations. Stampwise I didn't do so good on this, but got plenty of spiritual help, so shouldn't complain.

3. "Send quantity cheaper stamps for fewer high catalogue." Sent 1500 2 cent items and got back 50 stamps cataloging about \$15. No complaints on this deal, even when I later received a number of my own items back again on approval at 1c each.

4. "Send common stamps for airmails, British Empire, high values, etc." Sent 1000 cataloging 2c each. Received \$1.05 catalogue value in common Great Britain. I feel this chap has a great future. He is definitely not the squandering type.

5. "Send 5000 common for 200 better grade." I sent 5000 common (got goggle-eyed counting them) and believe it or not got 200 better grade. I have made 3 such swaps with this firm and always get a satisfactory deal.

6. "Send 250 and 25c (no torn or damaged) and receive equal amount same grade." I sent 250 cataloging 3-5c inclusive. I received 200, mostly cataloging 2c and including 16 damaged ones. I didn't lose out entirely, as they sent me back about 25 of my own stamps. On top of this they had the colossal nerve to solicit me as a customer for their approval service.

7-8. "Send 100 and 10c. Receive 100 same quality." Ran into a streak of luck here. Sent out my 100 cataloging 3-5c and got back a square deal from 2 different people in a row. This occurrence almost revived my waning faith in human nature.

9. "Send 100 different and 10c. Receive same quantity, quality." Through some confusion in sorting I only sent 86 stamps cataloging 3-5c, to this lady. I received a very caustic note advising me of the short count and enclosing 86 in return. I might have felt badly about this, except for the accusatory nature of the note and the fact that the return consisted entirely of stamps cataloging two cents, of which 11 were damaged.

10. "Send \$5 catalogue for same amount in trade." I sent the required amount and received a selection of approval sheets telling me that I had been credited with \$2.56 catalogue value and could

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help myself to a like amount. I wrote a letter suggesting that our mathematics were not vibrating on the same plane and they'd better return my stamps. I got them, too, and felt I'd done all right on this one, as I broke exactly even.

Even in view of the above I am not discouraged. I still feel that I have a future in the exchange of duplicates. Only next time instead of trying it by mail, I am going to saddle up Old Paint, strap on my holster and persuaders, and go to wangle a few of these deals in person.

Editors Note: Cactus Jack Williams lives in Arizona and is a former member of the Merchantville, N.J. Stamp Club. The above appeared in the bulletin of that group.

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In these days when the stamp papers are full of detailed accounts of minor and major errors in stamps it is only natural that the novice precancel collector first looks for such errors in his accumulation of precancels when he sorts them over. True there are errors of many different kinds some scarce, some not so scarce.

However the value of stamps depends on several factors one of which is demand. And the demand for these errors from the largest interested group of precancel collectors is NOT along these lines. They simply do not fall over themselves to get an error when a TOWN precancel of normal printing is available. Sure the state collector and a few specialists will grab these items off but not very often at fancy prices.

Right now the fancy prices are being paid for the just normal printed ordinary but VERY SCARCE town precancels and secondly the scarce types. Likewise the items like the \$1 perf 12, the first airmails, the 13c apple green and others although scarce, and really very pretty, often bring less than regular used copies would on the regular stamp market.

Sure the state collector must have these items but then he is like the general collector often weighing the desire to have a nice showing of cheaper stamps against the joy of owning a few higher priced items. Since few can go both ways on that deal your guess is as good as mine which way the man builds his collection. After all it's the pleasure he gets that counts just as in any endeavor.

BULLETIN BOARD

The first edition of the FLORIDA RAMBLER is at hand. This is the official organ of the Florida Precancel Club. It was mailed with a 2c Prexy from Spaar, Florida, U-120n type. The secretary is Roger Voyles, 3215 S.W. 24th Terrace, Miami, Fla. Mr. Voyles is a former Hoosier.

The Southern California bulletin mailed with 1 1/2c Prexy and 1/2c Liberty of Culver City. The California count is now 621 Towns and 1060 Types.

The January issue of the Nebraska News was mailed with a pair of 1c Liberties from Raymond, Nebr. The Nebraska count is 406 Towns and 613 Types.

The Buckeye bulletin of the Central Ohio Precancel club was mailed from the college town of ADA OHIO with a 2c Liberty. The Ohio count is 786 Towns and 1339 Types.

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HPO Service Start

A new highway post office route between Pasco and Yakima, Wash. will begin on or shortly after February 28. The initial trip from Pasco, scheduled to begin on March 1, will be designated Trip 63, and the initial trip from Yakima scheduled to begin on February 28, will be designated Trip 64.

Special first-trip cancellations will be provided for each of the trips at the initial terminals. Collectors desiring first-trip cancellations should send covers for Trip 63 to the Postmaster at Pasco and covers for Trip 64 to the Postmaster at Yakima, prepared, as required, (addressed and bearing 3c postage) in the usual manner. No cachets will be provided.

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BRAZIL. The centennial of the birth of Lord Baden-Powell, founder of Scouting, is to be celebrated with the issuance of a stamp during the month of February 1957.

The centennial of the birth of Allan Kardic will be celebrated during March 1957, and a stamp will be issued for this occasion.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA. Four stamps were issued on January 15 honoring Czech writers and poets. The values are 15h, 20h, 30h, and 1.60Kcs.

On March 15 four stamps will be issued for the 300th anniversary of J. Comenius.

DOMINICA. The following stamps have been ordered and will appear later in the year. 3c black and red (Mat Making); 5c turquoise and sepia (Canoe Making); 10c green and brown (Bananas); and 48c sepia and mauve (Mat Making).

FRANCE. A pigeon is the central design of a 15fr brown and blue stamp issued on January 12.

GOLD COAST. To commemorate the attainment of independence, a set of four stamps is to be issued. March 6 is Independence Day. The stamps will be of the same design, bearing the portrait of Prime Minister Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, and the inscription "Ghana Independence Commemoration 6th March 1957".

The values will be: 2d scarlet, 2 1/2d leaf green, 4d yellow and 1/3 cobalt blue.

The following values of the current Gold Coast stamps have been ordered overprinted "Ghana Independence 6th March 1957": 1/2d, 1d, 1 1/2d, 3d, 6d, 1/-, 2/-, 5/- and 10/-.

NETHERLANDS. To commemorate the birth of Admiral M. A. De Ruyter a stamp will be issued on March 14.

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The program will take place in the Ithaca College, Aurora gym and will feature exhibits from all the member stamp collector groups.

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As he had always shown much interest in the social problems of his time, Theodor Koerner, after his retirement, became a member of the Social Democrat Party, which delegated him as military expert to the Parliamentary Commission for Military Questions. In 1925 he was delegated by the Municipality of Vienna to the Federal Council, whose last chairman he remained until that body was dissolved in 1934.

In connection with the events that took place in February of that year, Korner, like all other leading functionaries of the Social Democrat Party, was arrested. After eleven months of imprisonment on remand, the procedure which had been instituted against him on the charge of high treason, was discontinued for want of any foundation.

From 1935 to the end of World War II, Theodor Koerner lived in absolute seclusion as a private gentleman and applied all his industry to military and linguistic studies. The knowledge of the Russian language which he acquired at that time, was to be of great service to him later on the occasion of difficult negotiations with the Occupation Forces. He succeeded in avoiding an appointment to a high rank in Hitler's Army by filling the questionnaires submitted to him in a somewhat "unorthodox" way.

In mid-April 1945, even before the Provisional Renner Government was constituted, General Koerner, with the approval of the representatives of the other parties, was proposed by his Party friends for the post of Mayor of Vienna. This nomination was unanimously confirmed in November 1945, after the first elections, by the newly constituted municipal body. Working with all his fervor and putting to use his great talent for organization, he devoted himself, in that hard period, exclusively to the weal of the starving population of the capital which had been entrusted to his care.

In the face of all difficulties, he undertook the reconstruction of Vienna. During the six years of this activity, he distinguished himself as one of the great Mayors of that city. In appreciation of his merits, the Academic Senate of the Vienna Institute of Technology conferred on him the degree of an honorary doctor, while the Municipality, out of gratitude, bestowed on him the rare distinction of naming him honorary citizen of the city.

After the death of his great friend Dr. Karl Renner, the people of Austria elected Theodor Koerner Federal President. This took place for the first time by a direct and secret vote. In the second round of the election, he won a majority of nearly 200,000 votes.

On June 21, 1951 Federal President Dr. h.c. Theodor Koerner finds himself facing the Federal Assembly and pronouncing the words, "I want to be a friend and helper to all Austrians without any distinction or exception."

He faithfully kept this promise, one might say, to his last breath. Above all influence from without, and borne by a high sense of justice, he made his decisions and fulfilled the duties of his high office. Destiny permitted him to become the herald of the ultimate freedom of his beloved country: the State Treaty of the year 1955 bears the signature of Theodor Koerner.

Austria will never forget its great and loyal son, whom, in his last years, it had loved as a father.

Dealer ★ Doings

Oscar Hengstler, 222 74th St., North Bergen, N. J. is a dealer who specializes in foreign first day covers of the world which have stamps of a topical nature. He stocks 60 different such categories of the popular specialties and has prepared a list of his offerings which can be gotten free. Inquiries are also invited.

An auction which is devoted exclusively to precancelled stamps has been announced by Ed Christ, Route 6, Columbia, Mo. There will be more than 1400 lots a number of which have scarce and hard to get material. Mr. Christ has been in precancels since 1928 and has a sizeable stock. The auction catalog will be sent free to requests.

"The Works" would be the most apt description of the new Annual Catalog of the Tatham Stamp & Coin Co., Springfield, Mass. While stamps are offered, the bulk of the 98 illustrated pages have an abundance of all kinds of accessories and collateral material which can be used to embellish the collection. The catalog is free.

Mailed to the clients of the Harmer auction firm around the world is its "Annual Resume". This tells about the sales in the New York, London and Sydney offices, pictures and describes many of the rarities which were sold. Of special importance is the showing of items from the Caspary sales by H. R. Harmer, Inc., 6 W. 48th St., New York 36.

Off the press and ready for distribution is the first 1957 edition of the Price List of United States Stamps of the Revere Stamp Co., 145 Nassau St., New York 38, N. Y. Offerings start with Scott No. 1 and extend to date including airmails. Multiple pieces and plate blocks are offered as well as mint and used singles.

Norwich Free Academy Club Elects Officers

Elected to the office of president at a recent Norwich Free Academy Stamp Club meeting was Joseph Duch. Others chosen were Gordon Heide, secretary, and John Hotchkiss, treasurer and club sponsor to the Student Advisory Board. An active and interesting club year is planned for '57. Highlights include inter-state high school auctions, philatelic discussions and talks. A Washington, D.C. trip is planned in the spring, which will include tours of both the Post Office Department and Bureau of Engraving Printing.



Feb. 18-19—H. R. Harmer, Inc., 6 W. 48th St., New York 36, N. Y. The Adolphe Menjou U. S. Collection.

Feb. 19-20—Max Bloch, 505 Fifth Ave., New York 17, N. Y. U. S., Foreign, Brit. Colonies, Airmails.

Feb. 20—Michael Bale, 41 High St., Ilfracombe, England. A sale of mint and used Israel exclusively.

Feb. 21—Harmer, Rooke & Co., Inc., 560 Fifth Ave., New York 36, N. Y. British Commonwealth Airmails, General.

Feb. 23—J. H. Wall 31 Harrison Ave., Rensselaer, N. Y. 19th and 20th Century United States covers.

Feb. 23—Stampair, 109 W. 43rd St., New York 36, N. Y. United States proofs, essays, British Colonies.

Feb. 23—Earl P. L. Apfelbaum, 1416 S. Penn Sq., Philadelphia 2, Pa. United States, Foreign, Israel.

Feb. 25—Irving Gordon, 25 Beaver St., New York 4, N. Y. U. S. incl. wholesale; British Colonies, Germany.

Feb. 25-27—John A. Fox, 110 W. 42nd St., New York 36, N. Y. Lieb collection, 25 world airport.

Feb. 25-27—H. R. Harmer, Inc., 6 W. 48th St., New York 36, N. Y. British Commonwealth, Jamaica Specialized.

Feb. 26—Hobbs Stamp Co., 38 Park Row, New York 38, N. Y. United States and Foreign, mint and used.

Feb. 27—Star Stamp Co., 503 Fifth Ave., New York 17, N. Y. British Empire, Victoria to Elizabeth.

Feb. 27—The Collectors Shop, 17 Broadway, New Haven, Conn. United States mint and used exclusively.

Feb. 28—John Nicklin, 116 W. 43rd St., New York 36, N. Y. Booklet stamps of the world including rarities.

Feb. 28—Robert Hase, 820 W. 9th St., Corona, Calif. U. S. Airmails, General Foreign, Wholesale.

March 5—Billig & Rich, Inc., 55 W. 42nd St., New York 36, N. Y. U. S., Britain and Colonies, Latin America.

March 11-13—H. R. Harmer, Inc., 6 W. 48th St., New York 36, N. Y. General material, mint and used.

March 12-13—Wilshire Stamp Co., 409 N. Larchmont Blvd., Los Angeles 4, Calif. U. S., British Empire, General.

March 13—Pasadena Stamp Co., 418 S. Grand Oaks Ave., Pasadena, Calif. U. S., British Empire, General.

March 13-14—F. R. Ferryman, 505 Fifth Ave., New York 17, N. Y. U. S., Foreign, rarities, specialties.

March 16—Billig & Rich, Inc., 55 W. 42nd St., New York 36, N. Y. United States and General Foreign.

March 18-21—H. R. Harmer, Inc., 6 W. 48th St., New York 36, N. Y. The "Caspary" U. S. Carriers and Locals.

April 1-3—H. R. Harmer, Inc., 6 W. 48th St., New York 36, N. Y. United States exclusively.

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officials by the person concerned they absolutely refused.

I suspect that the negation stemmed from a mouldy stuffiness held by some, shall we say, people in responsible positions, within the British Commonwealth of Nations. These few feel that it is absolutely unthinkable to give any consideration to a collector or his mail regardless of the fact that it is all prepaid with legitimate postage stamps of the nation.

Now Canada as a whole has been most cooperative and generous with collectors, and in quite a few instances advanced in progressiveness over the U.S. Philatelic Agency and its parent POD. But there are still a few "enemies" of collectors in key places.

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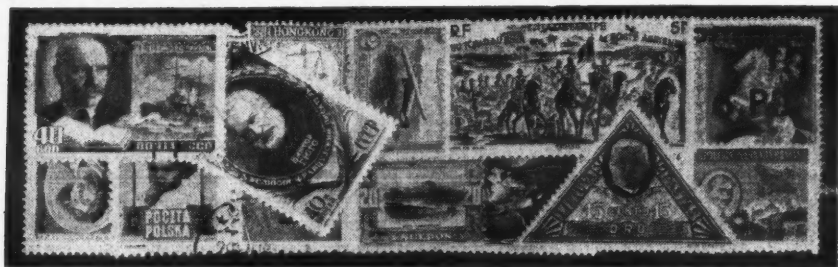
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